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## Deadline Monday for NAS advisory board

Prospective members of the Naval Air Station Memphis Restoration Advisory Board have until 5 p.m. Monday, March 21, to submit a notice of interest in helping ensure that excess base property will be made as environmentally safe for re-use as possible.

An invitation to community and environmental groups and individuals interested in becoming part of the restoration process at NAS was extended by Capt. T. LaMar Willis, NAS commanding officer, at the advisory board's organizational meeting on Feb. 22.

The next meeting is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Millington City Hall, and regular monthly meetings will continue every fourth Tuesday until the base cleanup task has been completed.

Persons interested in ongoing voluntary service on the Restoration Advisory Board are invited to obtain a notice of interest form from the NAS public affairs office (telephone number 873-5761) and return it to that office no later than 5 p.m. March 21.

Since representation from as many interest groups as possible is sought, a request was made that no more than one or two persons from any organization apply for membership.

Due to the ongoing nature of the board's task, which could take two years or longer to complete, it was requested that applicants be persons who can be available for the full time. The members will be asked to review documents, recommend priorities and comment

on proposed cleanup actions at NAS Memphis

Capt. Willis said the main purpose of the advisory board is to provide a partnership for the base, city, state and federal agencies to work together on environmental cleanup issues and related decisions affecting base re-use. He said it also would provide a forum for citizens of the community to express concerns and contribute information and suggestions for environmental restoration of the base.

Meetings and decisions pertain-

ing to environmental issues will continue until the realignment of NAS Memphis and transfer of excess property for base re-use have been completed.

The captain indicated 65 locations on board the base had been identified as contaminated areas, but added that 20 of the spots pinpointed in the preliminary study have already been cleared and will require no further cleanup action.